

TOPLINE DATA

This summary presents response frequency distributions for the survey of Voters in the Washington state Primary. Telephone interviews were completed with 412 voters on Sept. 14 , 2004.

209 reported that they had voted at a polling place in the Sept. 14 Primary

203 had voted by absentee

All respondents had voted in at least 1 of the previous 4 Primary Elections, going back to September 2000.

The overall margin of sampling error is $\pm 5\%$. That means, in theory, there is a 95% probability that the results of this survey are within $\pm 5\%$ of the results that would have been obtained by interviewing all voters who voted in today's primary. The margin of error for the sub-samples of polling place voters and absentee voters is $\pm 7.1\%$

The data are presented here in the same order the questions were asked in the interview.

The figures in bold type are percentages of respondents who gave each answer.

Percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding.

	<u>ABS</u>	<u>POLL</u>	<u>ALL</u>
MALE	43	45	44
FEMALE	57	55	56

A1. As you know, Washington has a new system for the Primary election this year. Did you know about the new system before you got your ballot? Or did you learn about it when you saw the ballot?

	<u>ABS</u>	<u>POLL</u>	<u>ALL</u>
KNOW BEFORE HAND	87	94	90
LEARNED OF IT AT THE BALLOT	13	6	10

A2. **IF KNEW [1]:** Prior to voting, had you seen or heard an explanation of the new primary system. . .

	<u>ABS</u>	<u>POLL</u>	<u>ALL</u>
1. In material you received in the mail	49	65	55
2. In a radio or TV advertisement	63	72	66
3. On the Radio or TV News	65	76	68
4. In the Newspaper	55	61	56

A3. Did you find casting your ballot under the new system to be easy or confusing? Would you say it was...

	<u>ABS</u>	<u>POLL</u>	<u>ALL</u>
Very Confusing	7	10	8
Somewhat Confusing	14	16	15
Somewhat Easy...	30	19	24
Very Easy	49	55	51

A4. IF CONFUSING: [n=53]

	<u>ABS</u>	<u>POLL</u>	<u>ALL</u>
1. Were the instructions clear?	48	72	62
2. Was the ballot itself easy to understand?	73	66	70
3. Could you find the non-partisan races?	67	85	77

A5. Did it take you more time or less time to vote than usual? Or was the time about the same?

	<u>ABS</u>	<u>POLL</u>	<u>ALL</u>
MORE TIME...	22	27	24
LESS TIME...	16	14	15
ABOUT THE SAME...	62	58	60

A6. In some counties, there was a box on the ballot which voters were to check to indicate their party preference. In other counties, voters selected one ballot or another. Did your county have a check box or separate ballots?

	<u>ABS</u>	<u>POLL</u>	<u>ALL</u>
CHECK BOX	39	59	49
SEPARATE BALLOT	51	39	45

A7. Under the new law, no record may be kept of the ballot you select. Are you confident that the party ballot you chose was will be private? Would you say you are...

	<u>ABS</u>	<u>POLL</u>	<u>ALL</u>
Very Confident	34	40	37
Confident	32	25	28
Not Too Confident	16	14	15
Not Confident At All	13	17	15

A8. Finally, how confident are you that your vote was accurately recorded and counted? Would you say you are. . .

	<u>ABS</u>	<u>POLL</u>	<u>ALL</u>
Very Confident	43	61	52
Confident	41	24	33
Not Too Confident	9	3	3
Not Confident At All	1	8	4
[DK/NA]	5	4	4

1. I have just a few last questions for our statistical analysis. How old are you?

	<u>ABS</u>	<u>POLL</u>	<u>ALL</u>
18-35	3	8	5
36-50	17	25	21
51-64	27	30	28
65+	51	35	43

2. What is the last year of schooling you completed?

	<u>ABS</u>	<u>POLL</u>	<u>ALL</u>
HIGH SCHOOL	26	19	23
SOME COLLEGE	31	29	31
COLLEGE DEGREE	29	28	28
GRADUATE/PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL	11	22	17

3. If you had to register by party in order to vote, would you register as a Democrat, a Republican, some other party or as an Independent?

	<u>ABS</u>	<u>POLL</u>	<u>ALL</u>
DEMOCRAT	32	32	32
REPUBLICAN	27	26	27
OTHER	1	3	2
INDEPENDENT	15	12	13
[NO ANSWER]	26	28	27